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SUBJECT: PORTUGUESE TIMOR - UN SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING APRIL 12

REF: USUN 1516

1. SUMMARY: UN SECURITY COUNCIL (UNSC) CONVENED AT 1615
APRIL 12 TO CONSIDER "SITUATION IN TIMOR." SPEAKERS IN ORDER
WERE HORTA OF FRETELIN, PORTUGAL'S AMBASSADOR GALVAO-TELES,
AND PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF EAST TIMOR (PGET) REPRESENTATIVE
GUILHERME MARIA GONCALVES. (LATTER'S STATEMENT READ IN ENGLISH
BY PGET REPRESENTATIVE MARIO CARRASCOLAO.) INDONESIA'S
AMBASSADOR SANI DID NOT SPEAK AS EXPECTED EARLIER BECAUSE HE HAD
NOT RECEIVED JAKARTA'S CLEARANCE OF TEXT. WE GATHERED FROM
INDONESIANS THAT QUESTION OF CLEARANCE RELATED TO MENTION OF
WITHDRAWAL OF "INDONESIAN ARMED VOLUNTEERS" (REFTEL). NEXT
MEETING ON UNSC ON TIMOR SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14, AT
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1530. OTHERS EXPECTED TO SPEAK WILL BE AUSTRALIAN MP

KEN FRY (USUN 1492), AND AUSTRALIAN FARMER SYDDELL (USUN 1483, 1490). END SUMMARY.

2. HORTA SPOKE MONOTONOUSLY FOR OVER AN HOUR. AFTER DECLARING PORTUGAL NO LONGER HAD A ROLE TO PLAY REGARDING EAST TIMOR, HE LISTED ALLEGED "JAVANESE" CRIMES IN EAST TIMOR; CLAIMED LESS THAN 25 PERCENT OF EAST TIMOR'S TERRITORY TO BE UNDER INDONESIAN OCCUPATION; DECLARED 30,000 "JAVANESE" IN EAST TIMOR; CHARGED INDONESIANS WITH CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL WARFARE; SAID INDONESIANS HAD EXECUTED SIX FOREIGN JOURNALISTS; STRESSED EAST TIMOR'S ETHNIC AND LINGUISTIC INDIVIDUALITY; READ HISTORY OF ANTI-COLONIAL UPRISINGS IN EAST TIMOR DURING RECENT CENTURIES; APPEALED FOR NON-ALIGNED SUPPORT; STRESSED RESISTANCE OF 600,000 EAST TIMORESE AGAINST 130 MILLION INDONESIANS ARMED BY US AND OTHER WESTERN COUNTRIES; AND LAMENTED THAT INDONESIA, ONCE NON-ALIGNED, WAS NOW ALIGNED WITH "FORCES OF EXPLOITATION AND SUPPRESSION." HE CONCLUDED, HOWEVER, THAT EAST TIMORESE MIGHT CHOOSE UNION WITH INDONESIA, BUT NOT UNDER FORCE. HE SAID FRETELIN WOULD COOPERATE WITH UN.

3. PORTUGAL'S GALVAO-TELES PAID TRIBUTE TO WINSPEARE AND HIS "NOT QUITE FULL BUT USEFUL REPORT;" HE DEPLORED FACT THAT WINSPEARE COULD NOT MEET FRETELIN REPRESENTATIVES IN TIMOR; STRESSED INDONESIA'S ARMED FORCES ILLEGALLY IN EAST TIMOR; DECLARED THAT "SO-CALLED PGET" WAS NEITHER RECOGNIZED BY UN NOR BY ADMINISTERING POWER (PORTUGAL); ATTACKED PGET FOR HOLDING 23 PORTUGUESE MILITARY MEN PRISONER; SAID PRESENCE OF INDONESIAN FORCES DISTORTED ANY MANIFESTATIONS OF REAL WILL OF PEOPLE; AND CALLED FOR CONTINUED CONSULTATION TO INSURE IMPLEMENTATION OF UNSC RESOLUTION 384. IN LATTER CONNECTION, GALVAO-TELES CALLED FOR MORE PRECISE DEFINITION OF SECRETARY-GENERAL'S MANDATE. HE STATED THAT UN CONSULTATIONS WITH INTERESTED PARTIES IN EAST TIMOR SHOULD CONCERN: (A) INDONESIAN WITHDRAWAL AND CEASEFIRE; (B) CIVIL AND MILITARY ADMINISTRATION IN EAST TIMOR DURING PERIOD BETWEEN INDONESIAN WITHDRAWAL AND ACT OF SELF-DETERMINATION; AND (C) METHOD OF SELF-DETERMINATION.

4. PGET STATEMENT WAS LENGTHY YET QUITE WELL ORGANIZED. IT STRESSED THAT TWO OF FOUR-MAN PGET DELEGATION JOSE
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GONCALVES AND JOAO PEDRO SOARES WERE FORMER FRETELIN LEADERS; DEPLORED FRETELIN ATROCITIES AND TERROR; ATTACKED PORTUGAL FOR ABANDONING ITS RESPONSIBILITIES AND HANDING OVER ITS ARSENAL TO FRETELIN; STRESSED THAT "REQUESTING AID FROM BROTHERS" WAS NOT EAST TIMORESE MONOPOLY, ADDING THAT NEITHER WAS SENDING VOLUNTEERS IN COMPLIANCE WITH SUCH A REQUEST A "COMPETE NOVELTY"; UNDERLINED THAT INDEED MANY INSTANCES COULD BE CITED IN WHICH AID HAD BEEN SUPPLIED OVER VAST DISTANCES,

EVEN ACROSS OCEANS AND CONTINENTS; AND STATED THAT INDONESIANS HAD DECLARED SELVES INDEPENDENT AND INTEGRATED INTO INDONESIA. PGET STATEMENT SAID THAT FOUR POLITICAL PARTIES FORMING PGET REPRESENTED GREAT MAJORITY OF EAST TIMORESE. IT ALSO EXPLAINED IN CONSIDERABLE DETAIL FAMILY AND TRIBAL STRUCTURE OF EAST TIMORESE SOCIETY, ASKING THAT "TRADITIONAL VALUES" OF PEOPLE OF EAST TIMOR BE SERIOUSLY CONSIDERED AND ACCEPTED IN EXERCISE OF SELF-DETERMINATION. STATEMENT ALSO UNDERLINED READINESS OF PGET TO MEET WITH UN REPRESENTATIVES TO DISCUSS TYPE OF ROLE UN WOULD PLAY IN ELECTORAL PROCESS. IF UNSC OR COMMITTEE OF 24 WANTED TO SEND MISSION TO EAST TIMOR, THEY WOULD BE WELCOME WITH PGET DOING UTMOST TO FACILITATE VISIT. STATEMENT ALSO SAID THAT WITH ITS ABANDONMENT OF THE TERRITORY, THERE WAS NO LONGER ANY ROLE FOR PORTUGAL AS ADMINISTERING AUTHORITY. AS FOR FRETELIN, REMNANTS OF ITS LEADERSHIP WHO HAVE CAUSED SUFFERING COULD NOT ESCAPE JUDGEMENT. STATEMENT SAID, HOWEVER, THAT WHILE PGET HAD NOTHING TO SAY TO HORTA, IT WOULD FORGIVE HIM HIS "BLIND ACCEPTANCE OF HIS FOREIGN ADVISERS." PGET ALSO MADE CLEAR IT WAS READY TO TAKE UP QUESTION OF 23 MILITARY PRISONERS AS PART OF DISCUSSION OF ALL OUTSTANDING ISSUES WITH PORTUGAL.

5. DURING MEETING UNSC PRESIDENT HUANG HUA REPORTED RECEIPT OF LETTER FROM PERMREP OF MOZAMBIQUE ASKING THAT AUSTRALIAN MP KEN FRY BE INVITED TO SPEAK UNDER RULE 39. HUANG HUA ALSO ANNOUNCED RECEIPT OF LETTER REQUESTING PARTICIPATION FROM PHILIPPINES. AFTER MEETING CONCLUDED AT 1900, INDONESIANS TOLD US THEY WOULD REQUEST INVITATION FOR AUSTRALIAN FARMER SYDDELL TO SPEAK AS COUNTER TO FRY.

6. NEXT MEETING OF UNSC ON TIMOR SCHEDULED FOR 1530 WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14.

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